IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING DEVICE, INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD, AND INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents December 15, 2009 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action of September 15, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.